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Appln. No. : 09/769,462 Examiner: P. Chin
Filed : January 26, 2001 Confirmation No.: 5458
For : MACHINE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A TISSUE WEB

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of October 16, 2003, the instant response being submitted by the two-month date after final rejection, i.e., by December 16, 2003, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Dear Mr. Chin:

Further to our telephone conversation on December 31, 2003, please find enclosed a signed
copy of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 filed December 16, 2003, as well as a copy of the
date stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

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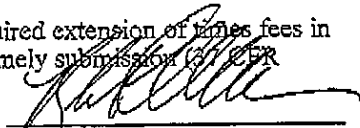
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